

(f) Exercise all of the powers and perform the duties defined by Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 6. 1939, ch. 233, sec. 6.

6. (Duties of County Departments.) The County Departments shall

(a) Administer the provisions of this Article in the respective counties subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Department pursuant to the provisions of this Article;

(b) Report to the State Department at such times and in such manner and form as the State Department may from time to time direct;

(c) Submit annually to the County Commissioners or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as the case may be, after approval by the State Department, a budget containing an estimate and supporting data setting forth the amount of money needed to carry out the provisions of this Article;

(d) Exercise the powers and perform the duties defined by Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 7.

7. (Application for Assistance.) Application for assistance under this Article shall be made to the County Department of the county in which the applicant resides. The application shall be in writing or reduced to writing in the manner and upon the form prescribed by the State Department. Such application shall contain a statement of the amount of property, both personal and real, in which the applicant has an interest, including property held jointly or as tenants by the entireties, and of all income which he may have at the time of the filing of the application, and such other information as may be required by the State Department. All assistance granted and/or payments made on applications heretofore signed by the applicant and witnessed, shall be deemed valid payments for the purposes of this Article.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 8.

8. (Investigation of Application.) Whenever a County Department receives an application for assistance under this Article, an investigation and record shall promptly be made of the circumstances of the applicant in order to ascertain the facts supporting the application and in order to obtain such other information as may be required by the rules of the State Department.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 9. 1939, ch. 233, sec. 9.

9. (Granting of Assistance.) Upon the completion of such investigation the County Department shall decide whether the applicant is eligible for assistance under the provisions of this Article, and determine in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Department the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin. The County Department shall notify the applicant of its decision. Such assistance shall be paid monthly to the applicant upon order of the County Department from funds allocated to the County Department for this purpose. Should the fund or funds available be sufficient to permit a grant to only a part of the aged persons coming within the provisions of this Article, the County Department shall select in its discretion those in most urgent need of such assistance.